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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING WAS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR NOON PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 6 ABOUT INDIAN PRESIDENT'S REMARKS IN PARLIAMENT ON U.S., HOWEVER NO QUESTIONS ASKED:

2. Q: DO YOU AGREE THAT THE INDIAN PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT THE U.S. WAS INTENDED TO SMOOTH OVER MRS. GANDHI'S ATTACKS?

A: YOU REALLY OUGHT TO ASK THE INDIANS. AS YOU KNOW, WE CONVEYED OUR CONCERN AND DISMAY REGARDING MRS. GANDHI'S ATTACKS ON THE U.S., BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN NEW DELHI. (AMBASSADOR SAXBE TO SENIOR INDIAN OFFICIALS.)

3. Q: WELL, HOW DO RELATIONS STAND NOW?

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A: AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE U.S. IS INTERESTED IN

DEVELOPING MATURE AND STABLE RELATIONS WITH INDIA ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL INTEREST. WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN BETTER RELATIONS, BUT THIS MUST BE A TWO-WAY STREET.

4. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON HER EFFORTS TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS AND PROLONG THE EMERGENCY?

A: THAT'S AN INDIAN INTERNAL MATTER. KISSINGER

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